

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

October 10, 1996

Business Meeting

MINUTES

The Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education met for a special session in the State Capitol, House Room 4, Richmond, Virginia on Thursday, October 10, 1996 with the following members present:

Ms. Michelle Easton, President
Ms. Lil Tuttle, Vice-President
Mr. Peter G. Decker, Jr.
Mr. Rayford L. Harris, Sr.

Mr. R. Lee Ware
Mrs. Cheri P. Yecke

Dr. Richard T. La Pointe
Secretary and Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Ms. Easton, president, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was given by Mr. Decker. Ms. Easton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Session

Mrs. Tuttle moved that the Board go into an executive session pursuant to Virginia Code ' 2.1-344.A. to discuss the following matters regarding the statewide assessment contract permitted to be discussed in executive session under ' 2.1-344.A.6 relating to the investing of public funds where competition and bargaining is involved, ' 2.1-344.A.7 relating to consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff and ' 2.1-344A.11 relating to tests and examinations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Decker and carried unanimously. The Board adjourned for Executive Session at 4:40 p.m.

Mrs. Tuttle made a motion seconded by Mr. Decker, and carried unanimously, that the Board reconvene in an open session. The Board reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

Mrs. Tuttle made a motion that the Board certify by roll call vote that to the best of each

members's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive session to which this certification motion applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive session was heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

Board Roll Call:

Mr. Decker - Aye
Ms. Easton - Aye
Mr. Harris - Aye
Mrs. Tuttle - Aye
Mrs. Yecke - Aye

Mr. Ware abstained from the motion but noted his concurrence with its substance.

ACTION ITEM

Approval of the Review Panel's Recommendation for Awarding the Contract to Develop the State's Assessment Instrument

Mr. Decker made a motion to give notice of intent that Harcourt Brace Educational Measurement be awarded the contract for the Standards of Learning part of the Board's new testing program . Mr. Harris seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Easton announced that the Department of Education will send out a press release the next morning.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Easton adjourned the meeting of the Virginia Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education at 6:25 p.m.

President